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SUBJECT: CALM RETURNS TO RANGOON

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1. SITUATION IN RANGOON JUNE 12 APPEARS TO HAVE RETURNED LARGELY TO NORMAL FOLLOWING GUB'S MOVES JUNE

11 TO END STUDENT AND LABOR

DISTURBANCES. RASU CAMPUS EVIDENTLY CLEARED OF LAST STUDENTS WITHOUT TROUBLE OR VIOLENCE, AS ARMY TROOPS MOVED ONTO THE UNIVERSITY GROUNDS SIX MONTHS TO THE DAY FROM THEIR LAST OCCUPATION. ASIDE FROM THOSE DETAINED AT THE SHWEDAGON JUNE 11, MOST STUDENTS HAVE EVIDENTLY RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES.

2. ON THE LABOR FRONT, ARMY UNITS SENT TO LEE INSEIN INDUSTRIAL

AREA JUNE 11 CONVINCED WORKERS TO END THEIR OCCUPATION OF THE PLANTS. RANGOON COMMANDER COL. AYE KO LED THE NEGOTIATIONS AND PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT SOME (UNSPECIFIED) WORKER DEMANDS WERE MET. SOME STRIKE LEADERS MAY BE PROSECUTED, HOWEVER.

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INSEIN AREA CALM TODAY WITH ALMOST NO SECURITY FORCES IN SIGHT

ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR IF PLANTS HAVE YET RESUMED PRODUCTION.
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO ALL PARTS OF RANGOON RESTORED.
WORK FORCE IN GUB OFFICES BACK TO NORMAL.

3. AMCONSUL MANDALAY REPORTS THAT MOST STRIKERS RETURNED TO
WORK JUNE 11 ALTHOUGH PRODUCTION MAY NOT YET
HAVE RESUMED.
STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS DISBANDED AND THE UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED.
PROTESTS EVIDENTLY PROMPTED LITTLE PUBLIC INTEREST IN MANDALAY
AND CITY REMAINS CALM.

4. COMMENT: GUB TACTIC OF ISOLATING STUDENTS FROM LABOR UNREST
AND DISBANDING THEM WHILE USING A CARROT AND STICK APPROACH TO-
WARD WORKERS (SHOW OF FORCE COMBINED WITH SOME MONETARY
MATERIAL CONCESSIONS) HAS APPARENTLY PROVED SUCCESSFUL, AT
LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. VIOLENT CONFRONTATION WAS STUDIOUSLY
AVOIDED ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO HESITATION IN PLACING ON THE SCENE
THE NECESSARY FORCE TO BACK UP THE GOVERNMENT'S ORDERS. AS ONE
EDITORIAL PUT IT, "THE AUTHORITIES HAVE SHOWN TIME AND AGAIN THAT
THEY WILL MOVE, HOWEVER UNPLEASANT IT MAY BE, WHEN ACTION BECOMES
IMPERATIVE. OSBORN

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